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## Partition Plan Accepted

### UN Committee Votes

**Lake Success, Nov. 25.**—The United Nations Palestine Committee tonight accepted the Partition plan scheme for separate Jewish and Arab States in Palestine by 25 votes to 13 against, with 17 abstentions and two absences.

Afghanistan, Cuba, Egypt, India, Iran, Iraq, the Lebanon, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Siam, Syria, Turkey and Yemen voted against.

Paraguay and the Philippines were absent.

Those who abstained were: Argentina, Belgium, China, Colombia, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Haiti, Honduras, Liberia, Luxembourg, Mexico, Holland, New Zealand, Britain and Yugoslavia.

The partition solution must still obtain a two-thirds majority in the General Assembly.

### SYRIA'S OBJECTION

Before the vote was taken, Paris El Khoury (Syria) said: "The partition plan seriously infringes Syria's rights and interests and violates the Charter. Syria reserves all rights devolving from this situation, including the right to bring the case before the International Court."

Fadhil Jamali (Iraq) said: "We shall vote against partition because we believe it to be unjust, impractical against the Charter, and a danger to international peace."

The operative part of the resolution on Palestine partition, as laid before the Palestine Committee, said: "The General Assembly recommends to the United Kingdom as the mandatory power for Palestine and to all other members of the United Nations the adoption and implementation, with regard to the future government of Palestine, of a plan of partition with economic union and requests:

"1. The Security Council to take necessary measures as provided for in the plan for its implementation.  
"2. That the Trusteeship Council be informed of the responsibility envisaged for it in this plan."  
"The General Assembly calls upon the inhabitants of Palestine to take such steps as may be necessary on their part to put this plan into effect and appeals to all governments and peoples to refrain from taking any action which might hamper or delay the carrying out of these recommendations."

### VOTING TENSION

The partition resolution must still obtain a two-thirds majority in the General Assembly.

A hush fell on the smoke-filled Committee room, packed to overflowing with the press and the public as the voting began.

Many Jews were present. Rabbi Gold, a member of the Jewish Agency Executive, with flowing patriarchal beard lent a Biblical touch to the momentous session.

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## New Post For Mountbatten?

London, Nov. 25.—The London Evening Standard speculated today that Lord Mountbatten, Governor General of India and uncle of Prince Philip, may soon be appointed British Ambassador to the United States.

The Foreign Office said it would neither confirm nor deny the report and a spokesman added that "these appointments are never announced until they happen."

The present Ambassador, Lord Inverchapel, was appointed in May 1946.—Associated Press

## Must Share Or Fight

### Option Facing Russia, U.S. And Britain

Lisbon, Nov. 25.—Britain and the United States must either share the world with Russia or fight against her in Europe to preserve their principles and interests, the Portuguese Prime Minister, Dr Antonio de Oliveira Salazar, said here today.

Speaking at a preliminary meeting of members of the National Assembly before the opening of Parliament today, he said: "By the force of facts and irrespective of the will of the casual leaders, for the United States—and I will say the same for the British Commonwealth—there is but one hope and one alternative. They must share the world with Russia, which is impossible and contrary to their interests and principles, or fight against her in Europe to uphold them."

### SOURCE OF CONCERN

Dealing with Portuguese affairs, the Premier said that Portuguese India was "a source of great concern." He referred to the importance to India of the Portuguese port of Marmagao, and said "there is no great difficulty in finding a solution compatible with the interests of both parties."

Stating that the "wind blowing from India may have perturbed some Goanese," Dr Salazar added some new circumstances and the people's aspirations to increase their responsibility justify alterations in the administrative regime or statutes, that is a problem which concerns the Portuguese Indian state and ourselves. This problem is already under study and will have a speedy solution.

In another reference to the international situation, Dr Salazar said: "Europe is under misery and fear—fear of Communism, fear of Russia."—Reuters

## Big 4 Agree On Agenda

### Still At Variance On Peace Treaty Precedence

London, Nov. 25.—The big four Foreign Ministers agreed at their opening session on a six point agenda but split in the usual three to one fashion over whether Austria or Germany should be considered first.

The three Western powers appealed to Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov to consider Austria first so they could reach a quick agreement and thus reassure the "anxious world."

United States Secretary of State George Marshall said, "It's very important that we agree on something quickly to assure the people of the world."

Molotov insisted Germany was more important and therefore should be considered first.—Associated Press

### PRELIMINARY TALKS

London, Nov. 25.—The Conference of the Big Four Foreign Ministers, to try once more to solve the problems of Germany and Austria, opened here formally today when the Foreign Ministers arrived at Lancaster House punctually at 3.30 p.m.

It is being attended by Mr Ernest Bevin, (Britain), Mr George Marshall, (United States), M. Vyacheslav Molotov, (Russia), and M. Georges Bidault, (France).

Mr Bevin was authoritatively stated today to have reached agreement with M. Molotov in a preliminary talk last night on the importance of formulating a four-power pact on Germany.

A Foreign Office spokesman described this meeting as friendly. Mr Bevin also entertained Mr Marshall last night and saw M. Bidault this morning.

The first problem facing the Foreign Ministers is in what order they are to discuss the various subjects. Britain, France and the United States want to start with the Austrian peace treaty, to give her sovereign independence. Russia insists that the Conference should start with the many aspects of the German problem and discuss Austria last.

At today's formal opening, the Foreign Ministers were understood to be discussing their agenda. Mr Bevin, in his opening remarks as Chairman, proposed that daily meetings should be of three hours' duration. This proposal appeared to have been accepted by all the four Ministers.

The Foreign Ministers today agreed to include in their agenda a proposed draft treaty for the disarmament and demilitarisation of Germany, put forward by Mr Marshall, the American Secretary of State.

The Big Four also agreed on a list of six items to be included in the agenda. But they did not solve the order in which they are to be discussed.

### FOUR AGREED ITEMS

The items include four points previously agreed by the Foreign Ministers deputies and two others. The previously agreed items are:

1.—The report of the Austrian treaty commission.

2.—The form and scope of the future provisional political organisation of Germany.

3.—The economic principles for the future basis of the German State.

4.—The procedure for the preparation of the German peace treaty. This item was agreed by the Foreign Ministers in the following amended form—"the preparation of the German peace treaty (frontiers and procedure)."

Consequently this item includes the French proposal to discuss the German frontiers.

To these previously agreed items, the Foreign Ministers today added the Soviet Union's proposal for a discussion on the four-power disarmament and demilitarisation treaty proposed by Mr James F. Byrnes, Mr Marshall's predecessor, and the Soviet proposal for a discussion of the implementation of the decisions taken by the Moscow meeting of the Foreign Ministers Conference on the demilitarisation of Germany.

### THREE-HOUR SESSION

The Big Four decided to meet early at 3.30 p.m. and to attempt to close their meeting each day by 6.30 p.m. Today's opening session lasted three hours.

M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, was the first to arrive. He stepped from his car amid the hand clapping of a small group of on-lookers. He replied with salute.

The Russian was quickly followed by M. Bidault, Mr Bevin and Mr Marshall, in that order.

The Big Four Ministers were assembled in the vestibule of Lancaster House three minutes before the Conference was due to start.

Shortly before, the five British husbands of the Russian women who were not allowed to leave Russia had attempted to picket the building, carrying placards in English and Russian reading "We are the British husbands without our Russian wives." The police prevented them from getting anywhere near M. Molotov.

M. Molotov's arrival was the most spectacular. A police outrider came roaring into the square followed by police, then came the great black Russian limousine with the Hammer and Sickle on its bonnet and the Russian flag flying.

A resplendent figure in blue grey uniform accompanied M. Molotov. He was Marshal Vasily Sokolovsky, the Soviet representative on the Allied Control Council in Berlin and author of the speech there last weekend, criticising the British and American policy in Germany.

The dapper M. Bidault was smiling broadly when he arrived with the veteran French soldier, General Georges Catroux, now French Ambassador to Moscow.

Mr Bevin looked dour and determined. He waved at the crowd, shivered and said: "It's cold." The biggest applause was reserved for Mr George Marshall, the last to arrive.—Reuters

## FIRM FINED £25,000

### Sells Onions Above Controlled Price

London, Nov. 25.—A fine of £25,000 with 1,000 guineas costs was imposed at Old Bailey today on a London firm of fruit importers for offences concerning pears and onions.

The firm was J. & J. Lyons (Import and Export) Merchants, Ltd., of Spitalfields.

In addition, Joseph Lyons, director, of Woodford Green, was fined £2,500 and ordered to stay in custody until the fine was paid. Counsel said the fine would be paid today.

The case, which was expected to last for a fortnight, took an unexpected turn today when counsel for the company entered a plea of guilty to eight charges of conspiracy to sell onions above the controlled price and selling pears at a price exceeding the maximum.

Joseph Lyons also pleaded guilty to two counts of conspiring to sell onions and selling onions at above the controlled price.

The prosecution accepted the pleas and offered no further evidence on ten other counts alleging similar offences.—Reuters

## Prison Siege Ends

Waupun, Wisconsin, Nov. 25.—Sixty-nine convicts surrendered today after a 15-hour siege by over 150 heavily armed officers and warders of the second floor of the laundry in the State prison.

The convicts, who held four warders as hostages, discarded their home-made weapons and came peacefully away from the barricade which they had erected in the laundry.

The warders held as hostages were not harmed, and there was no violence during the siege.

No reason for their action was given by the prisoners, who refused to deal with anyone but the State Welfare Director.—Reuters

## Confusion In France

### Tussle Between Govt. And Trade Unions

Paris, Nov. 25.—The giant tussle between the Government and the Communist-dominated trade unions in France, which has brought nearly a million people out on strike, approached its climax tonight as the CGT opened up negotiations with the Government.

Pressure on the authorities was increased by the decision of the railwaymen's union ordering all its members to join the strike movement.

As the Government called a special cabinet meeting tonight to work out what concessions it would make, the strike position remained confused.

Reports are conflicting about the extent to which the strike forces were being obeyed, and the impression prevailed that some leaders were beginning to fear that they would lose control of the rank and file unless a settlement was made quickly.

### TEN-DAY LIMIT

Efforts are being made to bring the huge body of two and a half million Government employees into the strike movement. At a meeting tonight, the Government employees decided by a majority vote to give the Government ten days to consider their demands before taking strike action. The executive committee of the union was defeated on its motion to limit the delay to 24 hours.

Some reports said that more trains were running today, but strike leaders denied this, while the railway company's headquarters today reported no change.

The cabinet is meeting again tomorrow to consider the labour situation. Both sides are playing for the support of the bulk of workers.

Strike leaders have, hitherto, appeared determined to lead up to a general strike, but they may hesitate to continue their campaign at the present moment if the Government is able to offer attractive concessions.

Failing a settlement tomorrow or in the next day or two, the struggle is expected by observers here to enter a much grimmer stage.—Reuters

## WHY COL. McCORMICK HATES THE ENGLISH

### "Impudent And Arrogant"

#### An Exclusive Interview With HARRIET HARVEY

Colonel Robert Rutherford McCormick, publisher of the powerful Chicago Tribune, leaned over the sun-filled balcony of his spacious apartment at St George's Mansions, Kowloon, early yesterday morning and said: "The reason that I'm anti-British is because I resent their impudence—their arrogance."

"The British always said that they were ashore first—that they won the war, when actually their contribution was very small."

"And they demand charity as a right. If you look at the financial situation," he told the Hongkong Telegraph, "You can see that they feel our money is their due."

Asked if he thought he was accomplishing anything constructive by running down the British war effort, Colonel McCormick (who has retained his colonel's title from the First World War) said that the British didn't do very much during the war and they were always saying that they did more than anyone else. The British didn't have the power to do very much. America did and she proved it, he said.

"The British thought they had the power or they wouldn't have gone to war. After all," said the Colonel, leaning back in his green plush chair, "What did England go to war for?"

"England declared war. She wasn't forced into it. No conquest in history has worked—except the Roman Conquest. Napoleon failed, Louis XVI failed, just as the Russians will fail."

The Emperor of the paper which successfully postulates to five mid-Western states, looked out on the sunny morning, and spoke in his quiet voice, almost absentmindedly. "England should have pursued her own interests and not bothered with war. The Germans didn't cross the Channel, they didn't come into England. They couldn't have come into England. The British had no reason to go to war."

Colonel McCormick fastidiously checked the time by his watch and then checked it twice again with that of his secretary and his house-boy. He said he would like to go for a drive around Kowloon "if we could be back in an hour."

### PALM BEACH OF ORIENT

As we drove through the streets, he was interested in watching the Chinese at work in the shops. "Hongkong," he said "Must be the Palm Beach of the Orient—though I don't care much to go to Palm Beach now that you have to sit up all night on a plane—it's all right for young people. Hongkong won't amount to much unless she builds a better airfield."

"You know," he said, suddenly going off at a tangent, "if you brook a window in England today you have to get the permission of the Government before you can fix it."

"And you know the story of the farmer who planted barley because he had no wheat to plant. When the Government found out, they didn't have permission to plant barley, they ploughed under his entire crop."

"As for England today—the only way she can get out of her present mess is to go back to a Republican Government—that is self-government. She now has a dictatorship of the proletariat. She'll have to get away from that and go back to self-government."

"Just as Churchill was the parent of the Labour Government," said the Tribune's dictator, "Hoover was the parent of the New Deal." But the New Deal is on its way out and I think that if they were to

### Bye-Election

#### Test Tomorrow

London, Nov. 25.—Britain will have a useful indication by Thursday morning whether the Labour Government, which has successfully contested every one of the 20 bye-elections since it came to power in June, 1945, still maintains its popularity.

The votes cast tomorrow by about 40,000 men and women in the Thameside constituency of Gravesend, Kent, are expected to reflect the nation's political mood in the face of the latest Government austerity measures and plans for the direction of labour.

At Gravesend, the two candidates, Sir Richard Acland-Hobart, and Mr Frank Taylor, Conservative, have campaigned strenuously for the seat left vacant by the expulsion from Parliament of Mr Garry Allihon (Labour).

Labour won Gravesend by a very narrow margin in 1945 over Liberal and Conservative candidates. This time there is no Liberal in the field and the decision of some 5,000 third-party supporters may be decisive.—Reuters

### EDITORIAL

## The English-Hating Col.

YESTERDAY we asked Colonel Robert McCormick, English-baiting publisher of the Chicago Tribune the 64-dollar question: Why do you hate the English?—and his answer was just what we expected, revealing ingenious, childish and superficial knowledge of the people and the country which he persistently castigates. The Colonel says his biggest reason for disliking us is our impudence and arrogance; yet we have had the opportunity of meeting a number of American servicemen and newspaper correspondents who spent most of the war years in England and "curiously enough their chief impression was the shyness of the average Englishman, and his selfish for under-statement—hardly characteristics of impudence and arrogance. Sometimes Colonel McCormick can be so incredibly naïve that it is difficult to believe he is not talking with his tongue in his cheek. England, he says, should have pursued her own interests and not bothered with war, but it so happened that her most compelling interest was the peace of Europe which a juggernauting dictator was determined to destroy. When Colonel McCormick says that England went to war because she thought she had the power, he is guilty of untidy thinking. England did not delude herself that she possessed a greater or even as fine

a military machine as the Nazis, but she went in to fight for a principle—the preservation of individual and national freedom. Sometime later the United States did precisely the same thing, and each nation, in their respective spheres, performed quite creditably. We are not conscious of ever having claimed more than that, nor can we imagine any nation of people who could be more generous in their appreciation of the responsible part which America played in the successful conclusion of World War II. Colonel McCormick's misrepresentations, if they remained purely personal, would be amusing; unfortunately he persists in repeating them in his newspapers and manages to pollute the minds of vast numbers of unsuspecting Americans. We cannot see how anything of value can come from such a campaign, for it serves only to create misunderstanding and illwill. We suggest, too, that when Colonel McCormick complains that the United States does not appear to be popular anywhere in the world except South America, he should indulge in a little heart-searching, and ask himself how either popularity or even respect can be gained when such a vociferous spokesman as himself does little else but hurt insults at people who are not quickly, but tenaciously, trying to do their bit in bringing order to a chaotic world.



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# Sitting on the Fence

by NATHANIEL  
GUBBINS

Dec. 24 . . . Jan. 20

If you were born in this period you are mean, grasping, cagoy, and cunning.

At school you will be hated because you are a natural sneak.

You will also cheat at exams, and games because your greedy eye will be fixed on the prize rather than achievement for its own sake.

You will be successful in business, so long as it is dirty business. You would also succeed in politics.

So far, club committees have not studied astrology. When they do, they will blackball all people born in January. This will save a lot of resignations by other members, who will find January-born people rude, boorish, vain, and tight-fisted.

If you are a January-born man your wife will hate you. If you are a January-born woman your husband will hate you. If you were both born in January, your children will be devils, born with hooves and tails.

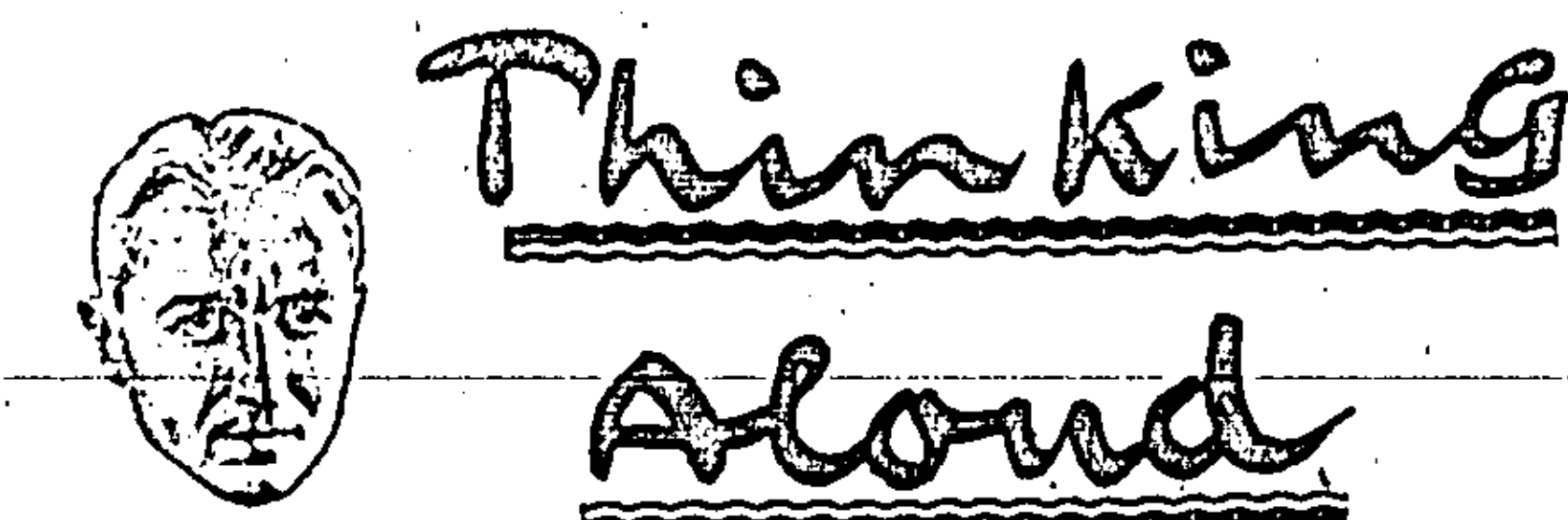
When you were born, the sun was passing through the sign of the Zodiac called Capricorn, the Goat.

And you January people have one thing in common with goats. You stink.

Jan. 21 . . . Feb. 19

FEBRUARY people are nothing but pests. They are restless, vain, self-centred, bodes, always worrying themselves and other people about their health, talking rubbish about things they don't understand, joining societies and yapping about politics and religion without the vaguest knowledge of either.

You can't tell them anything. They know. They think they have advanced ideas and believe themselves to be "modern," whereas they are more conventional than most people and usually have no ideas at all unless they acquired them from somebody else.



By PAUL HOLT

Portrait of a white girl in search of her job: She was in the W.A.A.F. when I first met her two years ago. A cheerful girl. We used to call her Flighy Officer So-and-so.

She just couldn't wait to get out and put on a frock again and wear a silly hat. (Not that I am suggesting that W.A.A.F. headgear isn't silly).

When finally they let her out she got a job as a kind of secretary in a dingy little house in South Kensington which had been turned into a reunion club for ex-officers. She left when she found that it took no time at all to turn a reunion club into just one more little afternoon drinking den.

Next she tried selling lipsticks at the British Industries Fair at Olympia, but the sight of the composite face of the Great British Public, looming and receding, looming and receding eight hours a day, made her seasick.

The Ministry of Fuel offered her a job going round the country, telling housewives how to economise in cooking.

That was fine and patriotic. "When do I start training?" she asked.

By PAUL HOLT

"Oh, training won't be necessary. You just go round and tell them," said the official. "I just won't," said the girl. "I wouldn't have the nerve."

She asked to get a job as a continuity girl in a film studio. The man told her he thought the work would bore her.

She got a job with the O-wol-a-relief Corn Plaster Co. for a while. A woman offered her free passage and £300 a year to go to Tokyo to look after her two children. She thought of accepting until she learned that the British in Tokyo live in an encampment and there's nothing there to spend £300 on, anyway.

She got a job in a cosmetics factory in the suburbs, but it didn't last.

Finally they offered her a post advising young girls leaving the W.A.A.F. how to get a civilian job. This was too much. As she couldn't get a job for herself she was damned if she was going to advise other girls how to do it.

Today she is back in uniform again. Flighy Officer So-and-so. A regular. The postwar world, she says. You Can Have It.

Basic British

IDLENESS, said Mr. Hugh Dalton, is a crime. That's what the gentleman said. Now we have to watch him, like a mouse watching for the kestrel. And I hope we have better luck.

You were a horrid little boy. You were also a horrid little girl. You kicked little boys who touched your engine. You scratched little girls who nursed your doll.

You are even more horrible now you are grown up. The sooner you are certified and safe under lock and key, the better.

April 21 . . . May 20

LAZY but lucky is the best way to describe May-born people. The men are usually bar flies. The women are usually sluts. In fact, both sexes would be natural born spivs if they had any brains for buying and selling. As it is, they lounge through life waiting for somebody to look after them. And as they are born lucky, some hard-working wretch usually does.

Although born under the sign of Venus, you are not necessarily beautiful. In fact, you are inclined to run to fat and not very funny stories. You would make good barmaids if you were not such good bar flies, good publicity agents if you knew some funnier stories.

You will probably live to a great age, because you don't worry. You have no brains to worry with.

May 21 . . . June 20

YOU were born under the sign of Gemini, The Twins, which means you have a dual personality. This is only a polite way of saying you are a double-crosser and a first-class liar.

You are every bit as lazy as the May-born people, but you are not quite so dumb.

In fact, your mind is too quick for most people. You have talked them into something before they know where they are, unless you're trying it on somebody of your own type.

I dare say most spivs were born in this period. Superficial knowledge is one of your assets in making friendships. Although you are too indolent to acquire real knowledge, you can talk plausibly about anything under the sun. As a crooked auctioneer you would be a great success.

For if idleness is a crime, what will the punishment be? It's no good sending a man to prison because he sits in the sun, and wiggles his toes. You can't fine a man for yawning. The prisons of Britain are already too full of ladies and gentlemen who did something to allow any great influx of ladies and gentlemen who do nothing.

But there is another way. No work card, no meal ticket—is a trick worth trying. The streets of Moscow are filled with tired granules who sweep snow in return for a bread card. And it can happen here. When things get tough, it can happen here.

We should be grateful to Mr. Dalton for giving us a warning. One thing more we could do for us. A definition of idleness, please. What is this crime?

The typist who knits. Shall we dock her two slices of bread and serape?

The little man who shuts up shop and goes to the races. Take away his bacon ration?

The writer who spends a week in search of the perfect sentence. No exercise for him, sir.

The telephone girl who gossips. I'm sorry, miss. No nylons for you this week.

That is what it will come to. And although I can see how perfectly equitable such a system looks in theory—each according to his needs, from each according to his ability is the perfect Plan for the ideal State—yet I know it won't work.

For take away man's right to stand and stare, relieve him of the choice to starve if he so wishes, and you've got his soul and he will die.

Black deeds

HUMAN NATURE NOTE: Ninety-eight percent of the reconstruction of Hiroshima, two years after the Bomb, has been done on the black market.

Women are advised not to marry Geminis. They get bored easily, are not interested in anybody but themselves, are inclined to drink too much, and are hardly ever faithful. Although they have two personalities, they are both unpleasant.

June 21 . . . July 23

A BORN sucker, eh? Loyal, decent, dumb, reliable, fond of your family, always imposed upon, honest, truthful—what a mess you are.

What hopes have you of getting on in this world, though you may be O.K. in the next.

In fact, your personality is so dull I can't waste any more space on it except to advise you never to invest your money if you are a man. If a woman, never speak to strangers.

A real astrologer writes of your type. "You will do well in all callings connected with liquids."

This does not necessarily mean you would make a first-class admiral. It is more likely to mean you would make a second-rate potman.

July 24 . . . August 23

SO. Here comes the great lover, eh? If a woman, a vamp; if a man, one of those people you never invite home the second time. Also a bit of a political extremist, too? A frothing Fascist or a scheming Communist?

I think I can see you. Fond of good living and flattery, argumentative, aggressive, selfish, and greedy. Keep out of my way, will you?

Aug. 24 . . . Sept. 23

JUST a fusspot, aren't you? Fussy and bossy. Tidy and tyrannical. Worried about your inside and other people's insides. Never really happy unless somebody is ill and you can fuss over them.

From your crowd come the civil servants, the unadventurous respecters of law and order.

Nothing much to say about dull, sane people like you except to advise you to stop talking about your operation.

Sept. 24 . . . Oct. 23

ANOTHER dull lot. The women are shy and homely (in both senses of the word), and are given to sitting around clicking knitting needles and asking silly questions. The men are much the same except that they can't knit.

Oct. 24 . . . Nov. 22

ACCORDING to this real astrologer I have been reading, some of the greatest people in the world have been born in this period.

But don't let this go to your head. You are cocky enough as it is. Remember that millions born under this sign have never done anything much but poke their noses into other people's business.

That is why you make such good policemen. Hiya, statfoot.

Nov. 23 . . . Dec. 23

I'VE been right round the year without finding anybody who doesn't seem to be either a fool or a natural-born basket.

So I'll try to say something nice about you, even if it is only to maintain some faith in the human race.

Again, according to this real astrologer, you're not a bad sort, anyway.

Like the June-born people, you have a dual personality, the same quick mind, the same easy friendships, maybe the same taste for liquor.

The women are described as bright beings, cheerful in adversity; the men as outdoor, sporty types, given to making puns.

A pity.

POCKET CARTOON  
by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Personally, dear lady, I find that the first part of the trick is simple... it's getting the sword out again that is so confoundingly difficult."

BY THE  
WAY

by Beachcomber

THE first attempt to fly backwards round the world will probably soon be made in a Supersonic Retrogressor, stratospherically controlled.

Scientists say that it should be possible to fly round the world upside down or sideways in a few years' time, and that these developments will certainly be used for peaceful purposes. It should also be possible, by injections, of the effects of which little is known, to accustom the human body to travel at the speed of light. And if such prognostications do not put my readers into a lather of delight, then they are not the crystals I took them for.

A ghastly prospect

THE threat of withholding all American films from Britain is a threat not only to art and culture, but also to those who have no other means of learning the American language. If the threat is carried out, a generation will grow up which will not be able to speak the Hollywood dialect, and may even be deprived of the latest developments in music.

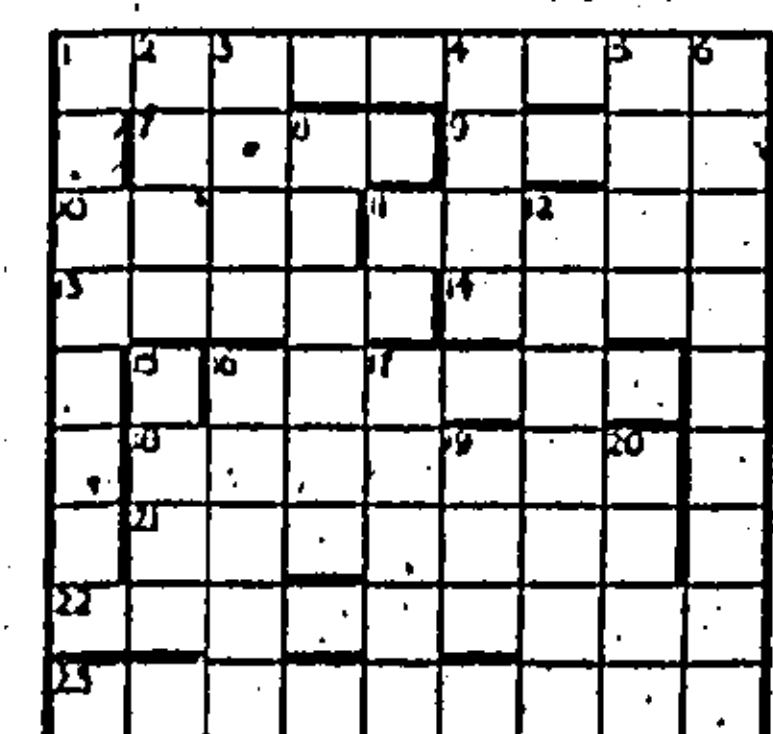
In passing

AN ingenious article in a paper asks, for the nine millionth time, what our grandmothers would have said if they had been told that their grandchildren would be able to breakfast in London and dine in New York on the same day. They might have answered that tomfool question in the style of Matthew Arnold's famous remark. More probably they would have asked why anybody should desire to make such a parade of his lack of common sense.

The Crisis hat

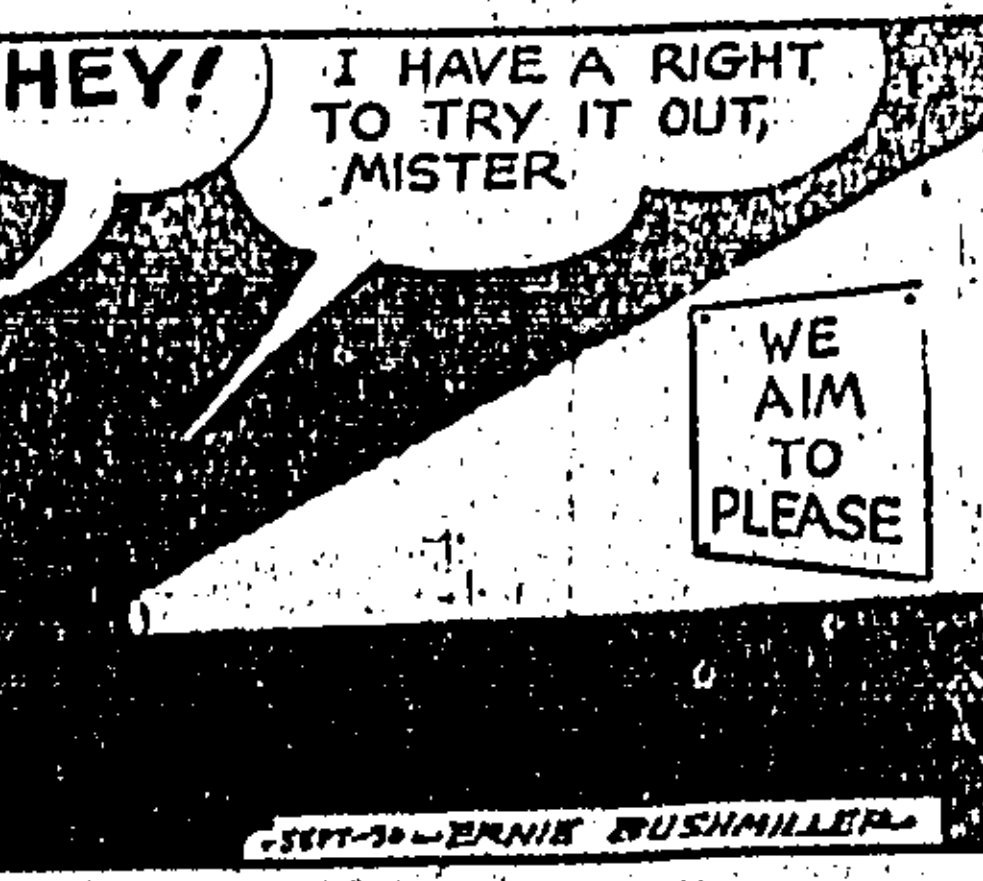
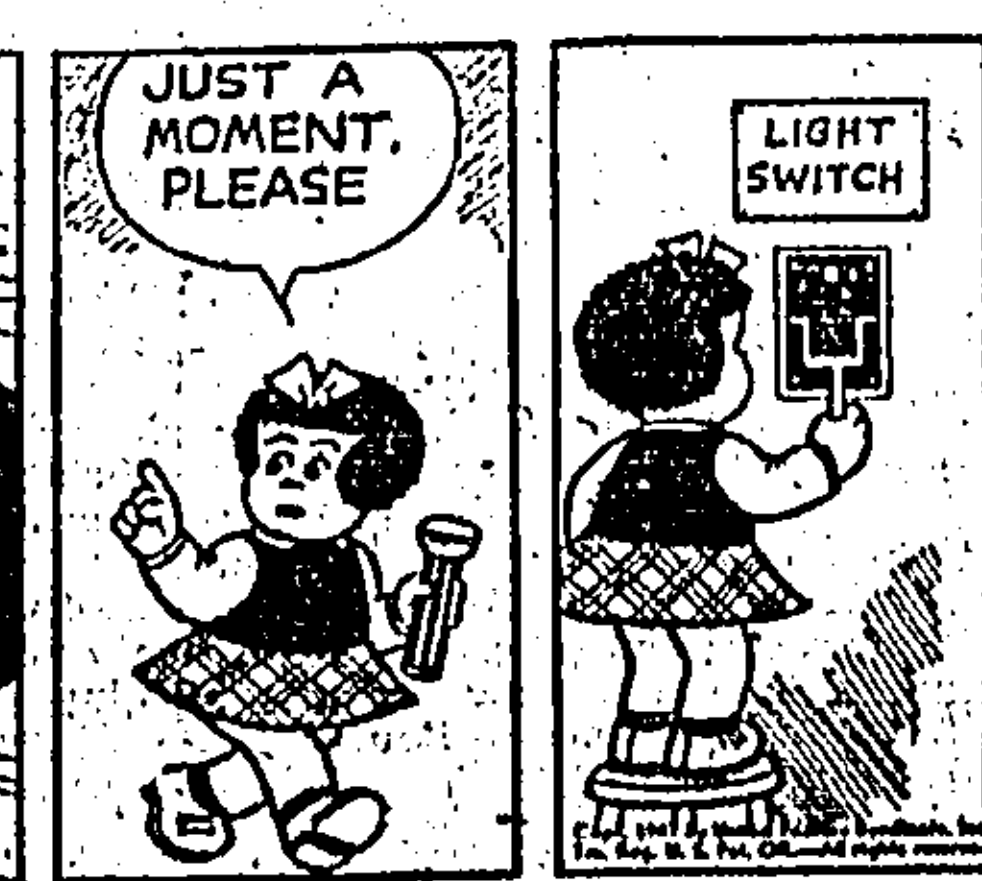
THE back-to-front hat," says my paper, "is the latest millinery craze. Worn with double-fluted brims down the back of the neck, it resembles both the cloche and the fisherman's sou'wester." Very well. How will you know whether a lady is a fisherman going out or an ordinary lady coming in? Especially as "They have discarded the east-to-west line in favour of the north-to-south." Bring your compass, madam, or try it on at night by the North Star.

# CROSSWORD PUZZLE



1. Not now. (4)
2. Unattractive reply. (4)
3. A little talk. (4)
4. Cultivate for money. (4)
5. As which voice count. (6)
6. A rare metal. (4)
7. Number one. (2)
8. A friend starts this Italian town. (7)
9. Instrument. (6)
10. Island in the Scottish Sea. (5)
11. French skin into white leather. (6)
12. A card game, but a letter would make it fish. (4)
13. Solution of Saturday's puzzle—Armenia and a laughing Jew. (7)
14. Out. (4)
15. For. (4)
16. A. (4)
17. A. (4)
18. A. (4)
19. A. (4)
20. A. (4)

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By LOIS LEEDS



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A touch of rouge in the right spot highlights your eyes!

### ROUGE CODE!

There's a Rouge Code, did you know? It's Dot and Dash—three little dots of rouge on each cheek, then blend and soften.

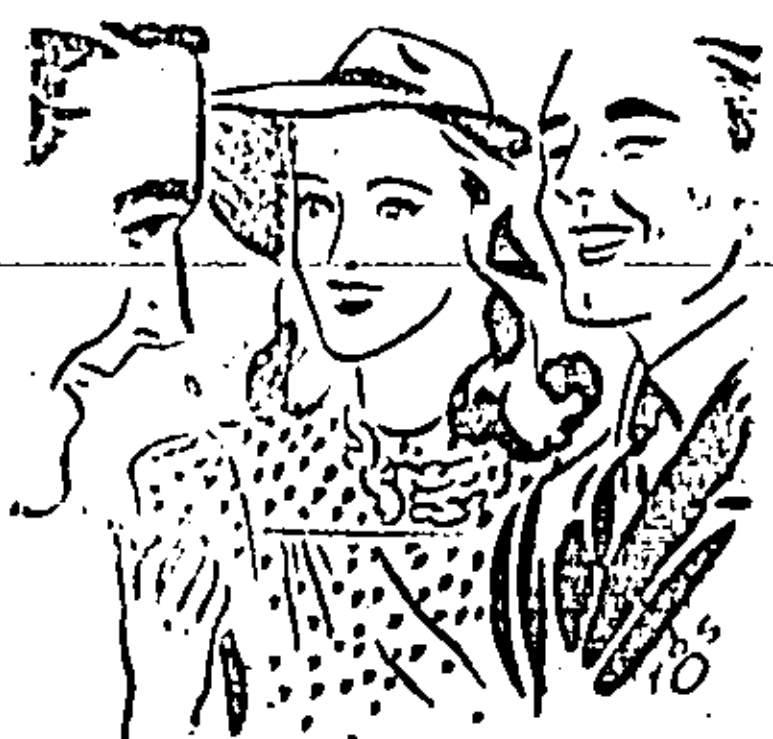
A girl's best friend is her Rouge, and tinted cheeks are coming back into style. It's the pretty Feminine Flush that makes for Romance! If you are tired you look pale. We checked among a group of girls, office workers, who get an average of six hours sleep each night. And, of course, they looked pale! But we got to work and they started on their cheeks. Their rouge technique was carefully checked.

The Rouge Code was demonstrated and what grand results there were. Do try it! Too many girls do a real "paint job" when they use rouge! Better use none at all if it is going to be so badly done.

Remember—your first dot goes just under the pupil of your eye, one on the cheekbone and the third opposite the tip of your nose. To blend, use your puff of a folded cosmetic tissue. Keep blending, with quick little dashes, then one smooth circular sweep.

A deep shade is beautiful under the electric lights and it puts just

Minute Makeup  
by GABRIELLE



Do you listen when people talk to you? Are you kind? Do you like people? Are you happy about the good fortune of others? Do you try to do nice things without hope of reward? If you can be a "yes man" to these questions you have Personality!

## SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



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"I think beautiful things like that harvest moon equate as much as Latin and algebra—but our parents never would believe that!"

## PALESTINE'S PAST BEING UNEARTHED

Out of the welter of trouble and strife in Palestine comes news of the peaceful pursuits of the investigators of the English, French, Jewish, Arabic and other archaeological societies into the past of Palestine.

### FROM HERE & THERE

## HIS FIRST SQUARE MEAL

Melbourne.—A 14-year-old Melbourne boy will soon eat the first square meal he has ever had. The boy, Geoffrey Wilson, was born with an obstruction in the food channel between his throat and stomach. He has been kept alive ever since with liquids. In recent months he has been fed artificially through a tube on a diet of six minced milks a day. But a fortnight ago specialists performed a delicate operation and removed the obstruction, and as soon as he is better the boy will be able to eat what he likes. "The first thing I want to go when I get out of hospital is have a meal of steak and eggs," he says.

### SWEDISH PRESENT

Stockholm.—When the Crown Prince Gustaf Adolf of Sweden went to London to attend Princess Elizabeth's wedding he had in his baggage an exquisite wedding gift, three fan-shaped crystal flower vases of the celebrated Orrefors make. They had been specially made for the Crown Prince, and were designed by him and a local artist, Edward Hald. The floral decoration is a Viking ship and on the reverse a rising sun with seagulls over a three-tongued sea-snake bringing to mind the Loch Ness monster.

### A CHANGE

Ottawa.—Announcing a scheme for educational films for the Northwest Territories, Commissioner L. L. Kenney, revealed that Eskimo families often see the same film 18 times.

### DOLLAR CHASE

Copenhagen.—The Danish Hotel Proprietors' Association has decided to allocate 50 percent of all hotel accommodation to foreign tourists in the summer of 1948 in order to improve the currency situation.

### HUSH-HUSH

Melbourne.—A hush-hush party of the Australian Air Force and scientists are setting out soon for Antarctica. The party will be the first of three to establish bases in the icebound wastes this year, and will remain there for about 12 months. Australia staked a claim for the Empire in Antarctica where the United States, Chile and other Powers have also set their flags. Airman meteorologists among the party are to investigate the South Pole weather centre which influences all the Southern Hemisphere, but there are also geologists with this unpublicised expedition who are expected to investigate the reports of earlier expeditions that there is untapped wealth under the ice cap awaiting exploitation.

## HOLLYWOOD'S "HE-MEN" CHALLENGED

Professor L. V. Voss, 67-year-old Californian physical culturist, self-styled "Mankind's Perfect Specimen," has challenged Hollywood's he-men to endurance tests.

Scornfully he described them as "decadent weaklings who train in bars and work out at harmful and useless sports like tennis and golf."

Voss makes these boasts: "I could outcrawl Johnny Weissmuller in a 12-mile race in a high sea."

Outfence Colonel Wilde, fatten John Garfield in the boxing ring, wrestle the stuffing out of Burt Lancaster.

Outwalk Victor Mature from Hollywood to New York. ("Mature would get tired and when he awakes I would be in New York's Madison Square Garden dancing the Blue Danube while carrying four 200lb men.")

Trounce Humphrey Bogart and Errol Flynn in a rowing race.

Invite William Bendix, Brian Donlevy and Allan Ladd to strap 400lb cakes of ice on their backs and walk until they melt.

Voss asserted he had performed all those feats, had also pulled 12 loaded motor cars with his teeth.

"Hollywood men," says Voss, "bend their arms, and the ladies swoon—Pshaw—you could blow them all over!"

### Favourite Pupil

Voss' favourite pupil was Douglas Fairbanks, Jun. "But I saw him a few months ago and he has decayed from soft living."

Voss' formula for staying a he-man at 70. Eat twice daily, cold baths, and a gallon of water to drink before each meal.

Breakfast: Three pints of cooked cracked wheat, doused with half a pound of butter.

Dinner: One loaf of black bread, six ounces of cheese, a glass of Dubonnet wine.

Declared grey-haired Voss: "Hard liquor is ruinous—just as bad as cigarettes and meat."

It was conveyed to a recent meeting at their London headquarters of the Palestine Exploration Fund Society by Mr. C. N. Johns, noted for his exploratory work, particularly at the Citadel excavations.

This Society was founded in the reign of Victoria for the accurate and systematic investigation of the archaeology, topography, geology and physical geography and the manners and customs of the Holy Land for Biblical illustration.

Discoveries already include the walls of ancient Jerusalem and the shaft up which Job eluded the capture of the city; the ancient fortresses of Gezer and its prehistoric water tunnel; the sites of Gath, Egion, Bethshomesh; something of the Philistine civilisation of Ascalon, and the ivories of Samaria dating to the time of Omri and Ahab. Of even more importance was the complete survey of Western Palestine.

For the next few years the principal, but not the only task, will be the carrying out, in conjunction with the British School of Archaeology in Jerusalem, of a complete archaeological survey of Palestine. It is to be a scientific stock-taking of the relics of the past, and the results are to be published in a series of illustrated memoirs, which will include descriptions and photographs of bells, bridges, fortresses, churches, synagogues, mosques and ancient sites.

### Now Impetus

Mr. Johns reported that following the wartime hold-up of the exploratory work in Palestine of many countries, a new impetus has been given to building activity involving considerable excavating work on sites of such ancient origin. It meant that archaeological discoveries are being made in quick succession. Digging going back to the first, second, third, fourth and fifth millennium have already been found, as well as other specimens dating to soon after 3,000 B.C.

Mr. Johns says that one discovered pile might have been a temple treasury of ancient days.

Present discoveries are yielding much-needed information about the people of Palestine towards the end and since the third millennium B.C. Already it has been realised that the Jerusalem of the early Kings was exaggerated by Bible maps.

Specimens of ancient pottery, jewellery, arabesque and mosaic work have been discovered, including in the crypt of the grotto at Bethlehem a very fine mosaic of the Christmas scene under Crusader auspices. It was practically in full, and the unusually varied and brilliant colourings were remarkably well preserved.

## Brazil Buys British

Brazil is buying more and more British cars—mostly small and medium-powered.

While other countries have imposed bans and restrictions which may, or may not, continue into 1948, this South American country has already imported £400,000 worth this year.

Her imports in the months of 1947 have more than doubled her last year's total. She is already leading eight other foreign countries and a similar number of Commonwealth countries.

Brazil is likely further to increase her imports next year. More Brazilian car agents are therefore being appointed.

Miss Margaret Mills, secretary to the Brazilian Consul in London, said: "Quite frankly, the reason is that American cars, with which the Brazilians are familiar, are not available."

"My father has been told he cannot have the American car he wanted for another two years, so he has commissioned me to have a British car sent out to him."

## CIGARETTE CARD SOLD FOR £10

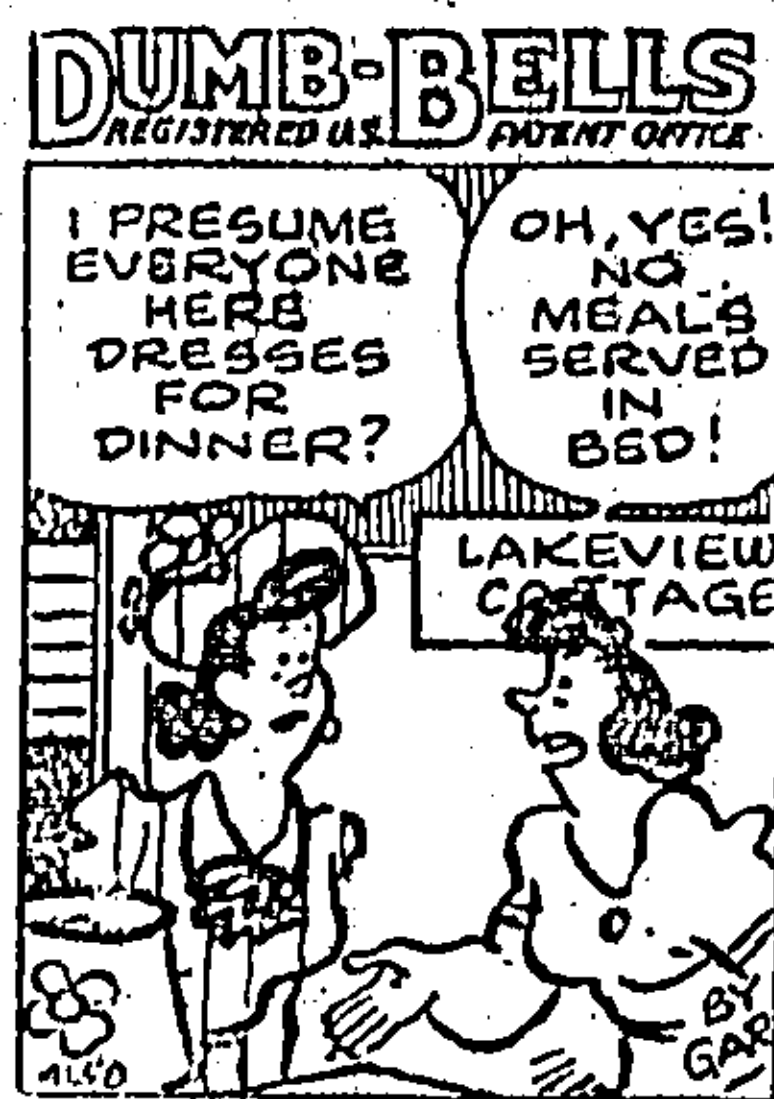
If you have any old cigarette cards, they may be valuable. Their worth is steadily increasing; a single card was sold the other day in London for £10.

The owner was 45-year-old John Rayner, a Westminister carophile, who says that he has made a comfortable living for 15 years by buying and selling such trifles.

The £10 card was one of the 50-year-old "Guinea Gold" series of photo-finished portraits of famous personalities of the day. It was number 1081 of a series of 1,148; it showed Nina Randall, "gay nineties" actress, in lights.

Rayner says that other rare numbers in the series are Nos. 1,082, 1,008, 941 and 755.

## Rupert and the Three Guides—32



## McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Drawing Trumps May Be Injurious

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

<p>           ♠ Q J 7 4            ♥ A            ♦ J 9 5 2            ♣ 10 7 5         </p>	<p>           ♠ 10 6 3            ♥ K J 10 8            ♦ 5 2            ♣ Q 10 7 3         </p>
<p>           ♠ A 10            ♥ 7 4 3            ♦ K 6 3            ♣ A K Q J 8         </p>	<p>           ♠ 9            ♥ 2            ♦ 4            ♣ 9         </p>

DO bridge experts devote their lives to playing bridge? Certainly not. On the list of life masters there are prominent business men from all parts of the country. Of the 88 life masters of the nation, 60 attended the recent national championships tournament. More than 1,000 other contestants came to compete with those great players, because they know that such competition will improve their game.

Today's hand came in for a lot of discussion in the wee hours of the morning during the tournament. It shows that the old saying, "There is many a man walking the streets of London because he failed to lead trump," does not always hold true. Declarer won the opening lead with the eight of clubs, and if he had been a believer in pulling trumps, he would have had quite a problem to make the contract. Instead, he led a small heart to the ace, then led a spade from dummy and finessed the ten-spot. West won with the king and came back with another trump. South won, ruffed a heart in dummy, came back to his hand with a spade, and ruffed the third heart in dummy. Then he led the queen and jack of spades, discarding two losing diamonds from his own hand. The only other trick that West could win was the ace of diamonds.

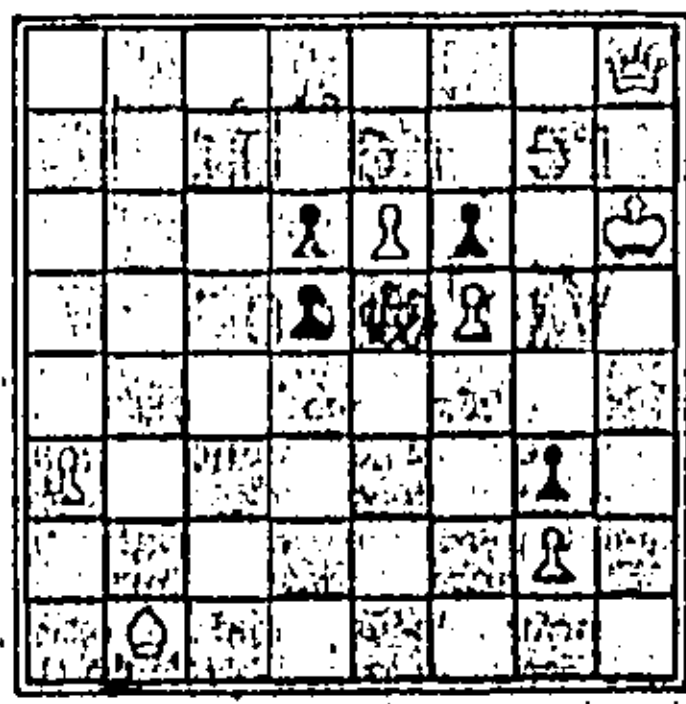
If South had drawn the trumps, he would not have had sufficient entries to handle the situation.

## Check Your Knowledge

1. Name a boat that landed on a mountain.
2. What are the natives of New Zealand called?
3. Which condiment is used the most?
4. Liverpool, England, is located at the mouth of what river?
5. What is the colour of most babies' eyes when born?
6. Name the five zones of climate. (Answers on Page 4)

## CHESS PROBLEM

By S. MAGNER  
Black, 5 pieces.



White, 7 pieces.

White to play and mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. R-K2, Enfilade, Q, R, or Kt mates.

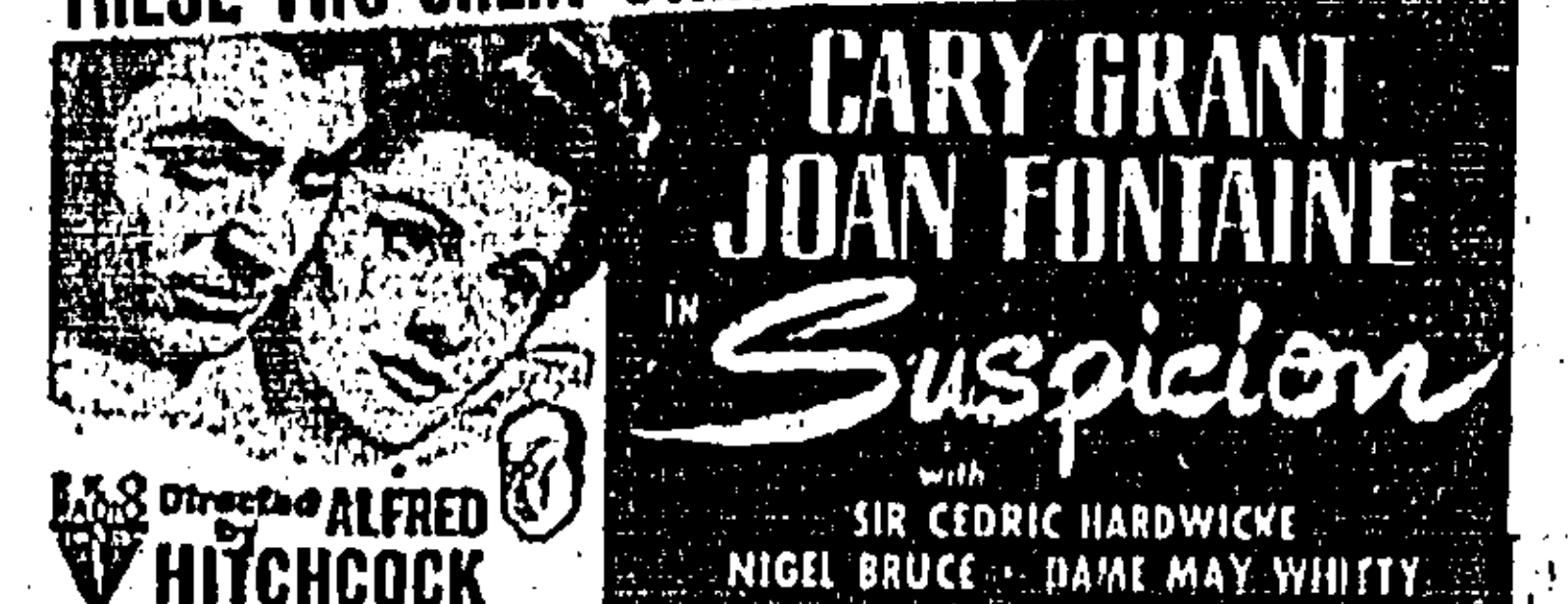
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## DOLLARS FOR PERSIA

London, Nov. 25.—Dollars for Persia was the subject of a statement in the House of Commons today by Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Asked if he could now give the terms of the payment agreement with Persia, the conclusion of which was officially announced in Teheran on November 8, Sir Stafford said: "In place of a previous existing liability to make gold payments to Persia, arrangements have been made under which Persia may transfer sterling to American accounts in payment for essential supplies not otherwise available on equivalent terms."

"All Persian official holdings of sterling will carry a guaranteed against any depreciation of sterling in terms of gold. I regard these

exceptional arrangements, which are subject to termination at three months' notice, as satisfactory, having regard to the importance of Persia as a source of oil."—Reuter.

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# SENATOR CONNALLY URGES SUPPORT FOR EUROPE AID

Washington, Nov. 25.—The Soviet Union was threatening Western Europe with "totalitarian tyranny which even Siberia did not suffer under the Czars," Senator Tom Connally, Democrat of Texas and Democratic foreign affairs leader in the Senate, claimed today.

Launching the second day's debate on the Government's Bill to provide \$597,000,000 stop-gap aid to France, Italy and Austria, Senator Tom Connally called for speedy and overwhelming approval. "On behalf of the freedom of Western Europe and in defensive resistance to an aggression which would reduce Western Europe to vassalage and political slavery," he insisted that while Germany's war potential should be destroyed, that nation should be rehabilitated

as a "mighty workshop," Senator Connally registered his support for a separate peace with Germany and Austria at the Council of Foreign Ministers, now meeting in London, failed.

"The other great powers must conclude treaties without Russia to restore peace and determine the status of former enemy states," he declared.

With hopes running high that approval for the bill may be registered before tomorrow night, little opposition manifested itself as the debate continued.

One or two Senators indicated their intention of introducing amendments—some of these would provide that the United States Government would do all buying for the programme—but none of them would seriously cripple the State Department's intention of bringing the speediest possible assistance to Western Europe.

## Warns Of Alternatives

Like Senator Vandenberg yesterday, Senator Connally again warned of the alternatives to American action.

"Should the nations of Western Europe be plunged into misery and suffering, which the continued lack of food and fuel may entail, they may be swept by despair into the morass of Communism and anarchy," he asserted.

"Western Europe must not be turned back centuries into tyranny and totalitarianism," he said. "Its freedom was purchased by the peoples who were fighting their way towards the light. They must not be hurled back into the midnight darkness of police states."

"Pressed as they are by Communist threats from within and without, they must not succumb to

strangulation by the evil forces that assail them."

Senator Connally emphasised that the United States was looking to Europe for a large measure of self-help.

"Those who do not endeavour to help themselves must not expect our help. They must realise that their destiny is in their own hands."

## No Intervention

He continued: "The United States is willing to aid, but it has no desire whatever to intervene in the domestic affairs of any recipient nation. It has no purpose to control their economy or their government."

"We want them to stand on their own feet, look the world in the face and, with dignity, demonstrate their own independence and their own innate power to make and administer their own institutions," he said.

The Senator asserted that the current riots, strikes and unrest in France and Italy were directly aimed at sabotaging both the recovery of these nations in general and the American aid programmes in particular.

"We cannot witness the destruction of democracy and the substitution of cruel and savage Communism," Senator Connally said.

Proclaiming that "destiny has laid its hand" on the United States, which he described as the most powerful nation on earth, Senator Connally added: "Men in distant parts look to the United States and love it and then venerate it as the land of justice and democracy."

"They look to it with longing eyes and hungering hearts. They look to it as a redeemer and liberator who will break the chains of slavery from their festering limbs."

## Noble Leadership

"For the sake of the world, for the sake of mankind and for our own sakes, the United States must not surrender its noble leadership that points the way to freedom and democracy for mankind."

Senator Alexander Smith (Republican of New Jersey) said that if the United States withdrew from Europe and refused it aid, it would mean the achievement of a whole continent by the Moscow clique. If France and Italy went, Greece and Turkey would go. Then we could not maintain them as islands against Communism.

"Britain, too, would be isolated—and a third world war would be inevitable," he said.

Senator William Knowland (Republican of California), who had just returned from a trip "before and behind the iron curtain," and claiming that "Russia's main export was fear and terror," called for a total halt in United States exports of machinery and other goods to Russia.—Reuter.

## MRS PANDIT RETURNING TO INDIA

London, Nov. 25.—Mrs Vijayalakshmi Pandit, India's Ambassador to Russia, will not return direct to Moscow from the United States, where she has been attending the United Nations as Indian delegate, it was learned from reliable quarters today.

These quarters said Mrs Pandit would proceed to New Delhi from New York, and there was a "remote possibility" she would not resume office as Ambassador to Moscow.

In the meantime, it is understood that the Indian High Commissioner in London, Mr Krishna Menon, is meeting the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Vyacheslav Molotov, possibly this week, presumably on instructions from New Delhi to discuss Indian-Soviet relations.

Mr Menon and the Pakistan High Commissioner, Mr Ibrahim Rahimtoola, were present at yesterday's meeting of the Dominion Premiers, where they met the South African Prime Minister, Marshal Jan Smuts.

Following the meeting, informed quarters said there was a "very good chance" of a meeting among the India, Pakistan and South Africa Premiers to discuss the South African Indian problem in the near future. It is known such a meeting was suggested to Marshal Smuts by the Governor-General of India, Earl Mountbatten, prior to the latter's departure from London after the royal wedding.—United Press.

## Ex-Soldiers To Quit Quarters

Aldershot, Nov. 25.—Fifty-seven possession orders were made at the Aldershot County Court today against regular soldiers who had continued to live in married quarters with their families after leaving the Army.

The orders take effect in six weeks, but it is stated that further extensions will be considered by the military authorities in exceptional cases.

For the Secretary of State for War it was stated that on leaving the Army all defendants were allowed to remain in their quarters under the new agreement by which they had to pay rent. There was no wish to be harsh on them in any way because of the acute housing position in the district, and it was with the greatest regret that proceedings were taken.

The quarters were required for serving soldiers and their families and the waiting list was big. Quarters had to be found for Army families returning from India and Palestine. If at the end of the six weeks the positions of the families were unchanged, they could approach the military authorities and every leniency would be extended.—Reuter.

## DEATH

COMPYON.—We deeply regret to announce the death of our former Manager, Mr. A. H. Compton, on 25th November, 1947 in California. David Sassoon & Co., Ltd.

## PLANE FLIES AT 627 MPH

Bovingdon, Nov. 25.—A Meteor twin-jet plane today flew from Edinburgh to Bovingdon, Bedfordshire, at 627 miles an hour. The record was made by Squadron Leader James Lomas, DFC.

His plane, a Meteor IV fighter, covered the 313 miles in 30 minutes, 25 seconds. The flight was made at 25,000 feet, with an 80 miles an hour following wind.

On a comparable flight from Edinburgh to Northolt on February 20, 1939, in a Hurricane, then one of Britain's fastest aircraft—Squadron Leader J. W. Gillan averaged 408.75 miles an hour.

Squadron Leader Lomas lives at Bircoles, Doncaster, and is a native of Creswell, Derbyshire. He is now attached to the Central Fighter Establishment at West Rainton, Norfolk. He was awarded the DFC on April 17, 1945, for courageous action while flying with No. 25 Squadron as a fighter pilot. He took part in many patrols against flying bombs, during one of which he shot down a Heinkel III, and a flying bomb over the North Sea.

The world's air speed record is claimed by the United States.—Reuter.

## More Political Violence

Rome, Nov. 25.—Two people were killed in a revival of political violence today which struck in the southernmost province of Calabria where a Communist and a Christian Democrat were killed and another Communist was wounded raising the 21-day total of deaths to 22.

At Bisignano near Cosenza, two Communists were wounded and one later died from his injuries received in a fight with the police.

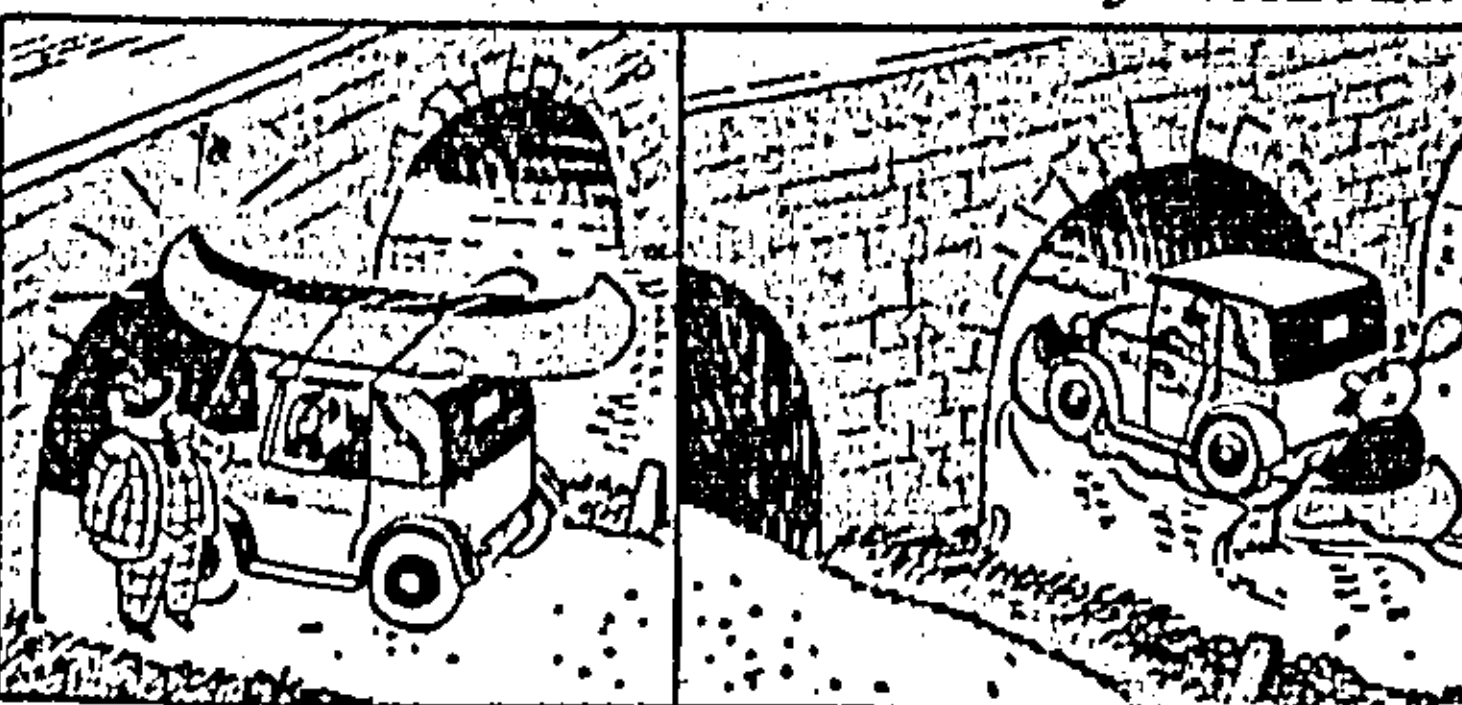
At Reggio in Calabria, during a meeting of the Catholic Action Association, a Christian Democrat student, Antonio Trunfo, 21, was shot and killed. The police identified his assailant as a "Communist sympathiser" but gave no details on the argument which preceded the shooting.—United Press.

## CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

### Answers

1. Noah's Ark, which landed on Mount Ararat. 2. Macao. 3. Salt. 4. The Mersey. River. 5. Blue. 6. Torrid. North Temperate. South Temperate. North Frigid and South Frigid.

DAB &amp; FLOUNDER . . . by WALTER



## Britain May Draw Rest Of American Loan

London, Nov. 25.—A well-informed source said today that Britain hoped to begin drawing on the last US\$400,000,000 of the American loan within a month.

## FIRST CZECH WOMAN MINISTER

Prague, Nov. 25.—Czechoslovakia today acquired its first woman Cabinet member in the history of the Republic as Mrs Ludmila Jankovcova was appointed Minister of Industry to succeed Bohumil Lausman, newly-elected chairman of the Social Democratic Party.

Two vacant vice-premierships were also filled today. Frantisek Tymek, vice-chairman of the Social Democratic Party and vice-Speaker of Parliament, replaced Zdenek Fierlinger, ousted from the Party chairmanship last week because of his close collaboration with the Communists. Dr Stepan Kovara took over the Slovak Democratic Party vice-premiership, succeeding Jan Ursiny, who resigned last month when his private secretary was involved in an alleged anti-State conspiracy in Slovakia.

The new appointments did not represent any formal change in the political balance of the Cabinet. However, observers believed the two new Social Democratic Ministers, known to be advocates of the new "independence" policy of the Party, would stiffen anti-Communist elements in the Cabinet.

Mrs Jankovcova, 50, is a trained economist. Following Foreign Minister Anna Pauker of Rumania, she is the second woman in Europe to be appointed to an important Ministry. She has been a top-ranking official in the Ministry of Industry since the liberation. An attractive, brown-haired woman with a strong lined face, Mrs Jankovcova is a widow and has an 11-year-old son, Peter. Her husband, Wolfgang Jankovec, was executed by the Germans for resistance activities in which she also played a leading role.—United Press.

## U. S. AWARDS FOR BRITONS

London, Nov. 25.—British men and women from all walks of life were presented here today with the United States Military Awards and decorations for the help they gave to the Allied cause in World War II.

Of the 27 military and civilian recipients of honours, two were Americans and the remainder British.

The wide scope of awards was illustrated by the fact that among those to receive the Medal of Freedom were Miss Dillys Morris, of Llanelli, South Wales, who was the secretary in the Signal Section, European Theatre Operations, during the war, and Mr F.D. Littlewood, town clerk of Cheltenham.

To receive the Medal of Freedom with Silver Palm were Major-General J.C.P. Holland, DFC of Headquarters Western Command, the Engineer-in-Chief and Director of the Royal Engineers and chairman of the Engineer Equipment Army Assignment Committee of the London Assignment Board in 1943 and 1944.—Reuter.

## New Allocations Of Rice

Washington, Nov. 25.—The International Emergency Food Council today announced recommendations for the distribution of 1,440,000 metric tons of rice for the first six months of 1948.

Allocations of the world supply of rice available for export include: India 300,000 tons; Malaya 205,000 tons; China 200,000 tons; Ceylon 185,000 tons and Indonesia 141,000 tons.

The announcement said that "in Asia, the main rice producing area of world rice production, has been recovering so slowly that exportable supplies from this area remain less than one-half of those actually moving prior to the war, and only one-third of the stated requirements submitted by the rice importing countries."—Reuter.

## SAIGON OUTRAGE

Saigon, Nov. 25.—A fresh outbreak of terrorism is feared here following a fire-bomb outrage on the steps of the Central Security offices and the explosion of two bombs in a cafe in the centre of the town, seriously wounding several Europeans.

Security precautions have been increased during the last week in view of a possible extension of the incidents.—Reuter.

Britain voluntarily suspended drawings on the balance of the US\$3,750,000,000 loan on August 20 last when she unilaterally refused to convert further sterling into dollars for countries other than the United States.

The loan agreement had obliged Britain to convert sterling, subject to limitations to be worked out in financial agreements with other countries. These safeguards proved insistent to prevent a run on the pound, however.

British hopes that the United States would permit them again to dip into the loan were based on successful re-negotiation of four of 21 suspended convertibility pacts during November and the scheduled re-negotiation of four more in December.

The new pacts already have set a pattern for the others to follow. The United States Secretary of the Treasury, Mr Snyder, said during his visit in October that the United States would not object to resumption of drawings once the trend for re-negotiated agreements had been established.

## Informal Soundings

Lord Inverchapel, British Ambassador to the United States, and Treasury experts in Washington have kept the United States informed of the progress of convertibility negotiations. They may have even made informal soundings regarding the release of the loan balance.

British Government circles in London said the United States had shown sympathetic understanding of Britain's plight. They believed the Truman administration as such had no objection to giving the rest of the loan but wanted to be sure of Congressional approval before giving the green light.

Congressional approval appears certain, however. Members of the Herter Foreign Aid Committee have indicated that they ruled out Britain for interim aid before the Marshall Plan because they expected her to get the rest of the loan.

Convertible agreements re-negotiated during November were those with Belgium, Portugal, Iraq and Sweden. Scheduled for conclusion in December are those with Argentina, Egypt, India and the Netherlands. Still other financial talks may be opened next month if time and the number of available negotiators permit.

## Dollar Reimbursement

The pacts with Belgium, Portugal and Sweden each set a figure for sterling accumulated by those countries in current trade over which Britain will reimburse them in gold dollars. The figure for Belgium was \$27,000,000; for Portugal, \$5,000,000 and for Sweden \$8,000,000. The pacts also sought to redress the balance of trade to prevent any of the countries from amassing more than the limit fixed for accumulated sterling.

The agreement with Iraq, a member of the sterling area, permits Iraq to spend \$5,750,000 a year in hard currency countries.

The Argentine and Dutch agreements probably will follow the pattern set in the Belgian, Portuguese and Swedish pacts and those with Egypt and India the Anglo-Iraqi pact. Provisional British agreements with India and Egypt expire at the end of this year.—United Press.

## Death Of Mr A.H. Compton

Information was received this morning of the death in California last Sunday of Mr A. H. Compton, former manager of David Sassoon & Co., Ltd.

The late Mr Compton left Hongkong in March of this year after spending many years in the Colony.

## PARTITION PLAN APPROVED

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The Chairman, Dr Herbert Ewart, of Australia, looked around and said: "Well gentlemen, the time has come to vote" and silence fell on the Chamber.

The roll call being called, the Committee secretary repeated each vote to make sure that there was no mistake.

Immediately after the result was announced, Fawzi Bey, of Egypt, said: "Egypt considers that the decision in connection with partition does not lie within the scope of the Charter."

Dr Ewart then declared: "That concludes our work and our report now goes before the General Assembly. The Palestine ad hoc Committee now stands adjourned and liquidated."—Reuter.

## Anglo-Russian Clash In Ecafe Session

Baguio, Nov. 25.—Soviet Russia's Stetsenko and Britain's P.J.H. Stent clashed repeatedly in a protracted debate this afternoon as the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East considered the admission of Russia finally losing out as the Commission approved applications from Burma, Ceylon, Hongkong and a Malay Union, Singapore, Borneo, Brunei and Sarawak. The latter group was embraced in one application.

In all four cases the vote was nine to zero with Russia abstaining.

Stent said that the case again was deferred, apparently indicating little willingness on the part of various delegates to voice their attitude regarding the question, which has been further complicated by the recent coup d'etat in Bangkok.

The Republic of Indonesia's application for full membership has also not yet been acted upon.

This afternoon's session was adjourned to 6.30 p.m., with an announcement that the French-sponsored application for associate membership of Laos and Cambodia would be up for consideration tomorrow.

The Commission unanimously voted to recommend approval of new Zealand for full membership in the ECAFE to the United Nations Economic and Social Council, and Dr Tsing (China) ordered that New Zealand be so advised. New Zealand was also advised that her request for participation in the interim, pending

UNESCO action on its application, was granted and she could send an observer to the current session.

It is understood that New Zealanders are leaving for the Philippines in a few days.

Only UNESCO is competent to act on applications for full membership.

## Surprise At Russia

Britain said that Russia was attempting to restrict the participation of associate members to discussions concerning their own interests.

Russia said she would be willing to give associate members the vote in such matters and that it would be no credit to the Commission to have associate members but would like that a resolution be approved defining the conditions under which they participate in deliberations.

Mr Cuaderna in proposed expressing surprise at the Russian attempt to impose restrictions on associate members, pointing out that only recently at Lake Success Russia aided the Philippines and India espousing more rights for non-self-governing territories.

Dr Tsing was obviously anxious to curtail debates and asked the Commission to commence voting on the application, which was approved in a quick succession, with delegates taking seats amidst mild applause from the small crowd present.

Each newly-seated delegate spoke briefly thanking the ECAFE on behalf of their territories and discussing economic conditions in their areas.

## Hongkong Seated

Burma, Ceylon, Hongkong and the five-member Malayan group were seated in the order named.

The session opened with consideration of the previous report of the committee of the whole of the ECAFE, and Stetsenko immediately declared that he could not agree to many points therein and that he thought that non-self-governing territories should be allowed to play directly for associate membership instead of having metropolitan powers in the present application. Dr Tsing ruled that the report has been considered by UNESCO and embodied in a UNESCO resolution last August, wherefore the ECAFE must abide by the resolution.—United Press.

## OUTWARD MAILS

Unless otherwise stated, the following are closing times for outward mail: 10.00 a.m. for Hongkong, 11.00 a.m. for other ports. Mail closes at 10.00 a.m. for Hongkong and at 11.00 a.m. for other ports.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Closing Times by Air  
Salmon, 3.30 p.m.  
Manila, P.I., 3.30 p.m.  
Canton, Luchow, Kowloon, Tainan, Amoy, Shanghai, Ningbo, Hankow, Tsingtao and Peking, 3.30 p.m.  
Canton (China) Sea & Train  
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Macao, Tainan & Shekhi (Sea) 8 a.m.  
Straits, Egypt and Europe via Liverpool (Sea) 8 a.m.  
Formosa via Keelung (Sea) Noon.  
Haiphong (Sea) Noon.  
Macao, Tainan & Shekhi (Sea) 1 p.m.  
Canton (Train) 2 p.m.  
Shanghai (Sea) 2 p.m.  
Manila, P.I., 3.30 p.m.  
Macao, Tainan, Shekhi & Kowloon (Sea) 4 p.m.  
Canton (Sea) 5 p.m.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Closing Times by Air  
Shanghai, 3.30 a.m.  
Bangkok, 3.30 a.m.  
Singapore, Colombo, Surabaya, Sydney and Auckland (Sea) 7 a.m.  
Shanghai, Hankow, Ningbo, Tsingtao and Peking, 3.30 p.m.  
Canton, Swatow, Amoy and Foochow, 3.30 p.m.  
Canton (China) Sea & Train  
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Macao, Tainan & Shekhi (Sea) 8 a.m.  
Japan (Ord. Letters & Cards only) (Sea) 10 a.m.  
Swatow (Sea) 1 p.m.  
Macao, Tainan & Shekhi (Sea) 1 p.m.  
Canton (Train) 2 p.m.  
Shanghai (Sea) 2 p.m.  
Canada (Parcels only) via Vancouver (Sea) 3 p.m.  
Sourabaya, Surabaya and Macassar (Sea) 3 p.m.  
Manila, P.I. (Sea) 3 p.m.  
Haiphong, Hongkong, Hallow and Tsam Kow (Sea) 4 p.m.  
Macao, Tainan, Shekhi & Kowloon (Sea) 4 p.m.  
Canton (Sea) 5 p.m.

## TO-DAY'S BROADCAST

H.K.T.  
6.00, Studio: Children's Hour: 6.30, Studio: "Anniversary" Half Hour. Presented by Monica Jacks: 7. Music and Song of Foreign Lands: 7.30, Studio: Von Greyer and his Orchestra & Monica Litter (Piano) and His Serenaders: 8. London Relay: World and Home Music: 8.15, Studio: Of Bring you Music: Classical Record Programme presented by Marion Glover: 9.15, B.B.C. Transcription Service: News and Sports: 9.30, B.B.C. Transcription Service: "The Three Musketeers" by Alexandre Dumas: Episode 10: "The Bastion St. Germain": 10. London Relay: News: 10.10, Weather Report: 10.11, Selections from Verdi's Opera "The Masked Ball": 10.15, British Conductors: Albert Coates: 10.25, Studio: Epilogue: 11.05, Close Down.

## BBC PROGRAMME

Transmission of the BBC General Overseas Programme which can be heard in Hongkong this evening: 7.30, Studio: GWT 10.00—Science and everyday life. A talk by L. A. Jordan on science and nature: 10.15, Studio: News: 10.20, Music while you work: 11.00, The news: 11.10—Home news from Britain: 11.15, Studio: "The Three Musketeers" by Alexandre Dumas: Episode 10: "The Bastion St. Germain": 12.10, Studio: "The Three Musketeers" by Alexandre Dumas: Episode 10: "The Bastion St. Germain": 12.15, Studio: "The Three Musketeers" by Alexandre Dumas: Episode 10: "The Bastion St. Germain": 12.20, Studio: "The Three Musketeers" by Alexandre Dumas: Episode 10: "The Bastion St. Germain": 12.25, Studio: "The Three Musketeers" by Alexandre Dumas: Episode 10: "The Bastion St. Germain": 12.30, Studio: "The Three Musketeers" by Alexandre Dumas: Episode 10: "The Bastion St. Germain": 12.35, Studio: "The Three Musketeers" by Alexandre Dumas: Episode 10: "The Bastion St. Germain": 12.40, Studio: "The Three Musketeers" by Alexandre Dumas: Episode 10: "The Bastion St. Germain": 12.45, Studio: "The Three Musketeers" by Alexandre Dumas: Episode 10: "The Bastion St. Germain": 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